

Town of LaPointe

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Facilitation: Tom

Economic Development

- Action #1 from plan: support good home based businesses:
 - Clothing
 - Food
 - Repairs
 - Recycling
 - Sustainable – must be regional
- Differentiation of types of tourism – quality of life factored in
 - year-round
 - seasonal
 - day tripper
- Attitude of some tourists is a concern
- Tourism – is viewed as necessary
- Food – local and regional – cooperative
- Tourism role of the Town? – expanded town park
- What is the purpose of town tourism improvements
- Town park should net money and not create a tax liability
- Targeted marketing for “desirable” tourists, educational events/activities, seminars
- CUP may restrain some business opportunity
- Are Economic Development discussions held with the public on the island?
- Chamber meetings/retreats
- Role of government – needed infrastructure
- External ‘locus of salvation’ – quote from Mike Wiggins meaning that we often look outside our community for help rather than within our community
- Tourism – necessary, but more focused, positive interaction with community
- Education/for tourists on island life, such as information regarding recycling, garbage, litter, etc.

Affordable housing

- Development possibility– lease of land from town for housing development

Sustainability section – yes, the group supported adding this section. Tom mentioned the Sustainability Toolkit for local governments recently updated by Extension. He'll forward the link.

- Number of people/population projections within the plan need to be revised down
- Leadership capacity ... discussed involving more people in local government and organizations